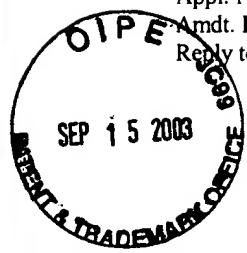


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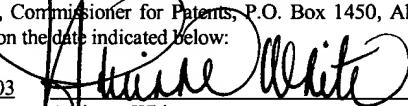
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Dear Commissioner:

The Office Action was mailed on May 7, 2003 and the shortened time period to respond was August 7, 2003. The Applicants are extending this time period by filing a one-month extension that extends the period to September 8, 2003. In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Title:

Please amend the title from "Modified Atmosphere Packages and Methods for Making the Same" to -- Methods of Making Modified Atmosphere Packages --.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.

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